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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

28. (Currently Amended) A cryo-therapy device, comprising:  
a shaft having a proximal end and a distal end;  
a cooling chamber disposed at the distal end of the shaft and defining an interior space comprising an inner member;  
a coolant intake tube disposed within the shaft, the coolant intake tube having a distal opening in fluid communication with the interior space inner member of the cooling chamber and arranged to create a phase change in fluids introduced through the coolant intake tube, and  
an exhaust tube disposed within the shaft, the exhaust tube having a distal opening in fluid communication with the interior space inner member of the cooling chamber.
29. (Cancelled)
30. (Currently Amended) The device in accordance with claim [[29]]28, wherein the shaft further comprises an inflation lumen in fluid communication with [[the]]a balloon positioned around the cooling chamber.
31. (Original) The device in accordance with claim 28, further comprising an outer sheath disposed over at least a portion of the shaft that defines a vacuum lumen therebetween.
32. (Currently Amended) The device in accordance with claim 28, further comprising one or more thermal-resistive sensors disposed proximate the cooling chamber inner member.
- Claims 33 – 35 (Cancelled)

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36. (Original) The device in accordance with claim 32, further comprising an outer sheath disposed over at least a portion of the shaft that defines a vacuum lumen therebetween.

37. (Original) The device in accordance with claim 32, further comprising one or more thermal-resistive sensors disposed proximate the cooling ~~[[member]]~~ chamber.

38. (Currently Amended) A method of causing cold-induced ~~[[necrosis]]~~ tissue treatment, comprising the steps of:

providing a catheter having a cooling chamber including a shaft having a proximal end, a distal end, and a guidewire lumen extending at least partially therethrough; a cooling chamber disposed at the distal end of the shaft; a coolant intake tube disposed within the shaft, the coolant intake tube having a distal opening in fluid communication with the cooling chamber; and an exhaust tube disposed within the shaft, the exhaust tube having a distal opening in fluid communication with the cooling chamber;

advancing the ~~[[catheter across a lesion]]~~ cooling chamber near tissue to be treated in a patient's vasculature; and

delivering liquid coolant through ~~[[the]]~~ a coolant intake tube in the catheter and causing a phase change in the coolant ~~[[to the cooling chamber]]~~ to cool the lesion.

39. (Currently Amended) The method in accordance with claim 38, further comprising the step of ~~[[draining]]~~ exhausting gaseous coolant from the cooling chamber through ~~[[the]]~~ an exhaust tube.

40. (Currently Amended) The method in accordance with claim 38, wherein the step of delivering coolant through the coolant intake tube to the cooling chamber to cool the ~~[[lesion]]~~ tissue decreases the temperature of the cooling chamber within the range of about -40°C to about 20°C.

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41. (Currently Amended) The method in accordance with claim 38, further comprising the step of freezing a portion of the [[lesion]] tissue.